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CMSP Letter

TO: All County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: CMSP Eligibility Manual Revisions

This letter transmits two (2) copies of revisions to the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Eligibility Manual. You should immediately reproduce sufficient copies of these revisions to replace pages in existing copies of the CMSP manual. The most recent prior CMSP letter containing manual revisions was 87-10 (September 30, 1987). These revisions include:

1. Section 0015.

Adverse Action - amended to clarify that any family member may be voluntarily included in the County Medical Services Program Family Budget Unit without requiring a 10 day advance notice before the change takes effect.

2. Section 0143.

Persons Who May File an Application for CMSP - amended to clarify the circumstances under which someone may apply for CMSP on behalf of another individual.

3. Section 0148.

Application for Retroactive CMSP - amended to clarify that a person must request retroactive eligibility within the one year billing period, since existing regulations prohibit issuance of a CMSP card more than one year after the month of services.

4. Section 0489.

Property Held in Trust - amended to clarify that taking actions to make the corpus of a trust available does not apply to persons who, by the terms of the trust agreement, are clearly only income beneficiaries of the trust.

5. Section 0515.

Unavailable Income - amended to specify that reimbursements from an employer for out-of-pocket expenses necessary for job performance are unavailable income.

6. Section 0518.

Fluctuating Income - amended to clarify that the fluctuating provisions do not apply to income from self-employment.

7 Section 0524.

Child/Spousal Support Received by MI Family Members repealed.

8. Section 0554.5

Child/Spousal Support Received by a CMSP Family Member - moved from Section 0524 to change the characterization of this income to an income deduction rather than an exemption.

9. Section 0653.5

Changes Which Increase the Share of Cost Determination - amended to clarify the share-of-cost process for increased shares of cost due to the voluntary inclusion of a new family member into the CFBU.

10. Section 0746.

Limitation on CMSP Card Issuance - amended to delete the prohibition regarding county issuance of a past month's CMSP card, since counties can now issue cards through MEDS.

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If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Albert Cooper of my staff at (916) 324-4892.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Martinez".

Jim Martinez, Chief  
County Medical Services Program

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